

**"A METHOD OF AND COMPOSITION FOR  
PREVENTING TISSUE DAMAGE"**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

1           An improved method and composition for preventing  
2    damage to tissue and/or organs during surgery and during  
3    harvesting, implanting, manufacture and manipulation of bio-  
4    prostheses therefrom. Tissue surfaces and surgical articles  
5    involved in the surgery and bioprostheses are coated with a  
6    solution of a hydrophilic, polymeric material prior to  
7    manipulation of the tissue and/or organs during surgery.  
8    The composition comprises a solution of a polymeric material  
9    having a molecular weight of about 50,000 D or above having  
10   a concentration of from about 0.01% to about 15% by weight.